BAPID FIRE AUCTION OF SEATS FOR THEIR GAMBOL.

shock to Some to Learn That Bids Are a ous Stars Take Turns as Salesmen by his general manager last night. Gus Thomas Buys the First Box.

Folks may say that the show business has suffered from the effects of the late panic plus the deleterious influences of s recent national election; but when all is said and done no showman can kick about a sale of seats for a theatrical performance that averages about \$250 a minute for eighty minutes-or a total of just shy of \$20,000 for less than two

This item of about \$250 a minute haprened yesterday afternoon at the Galety Theatre, when the stars that are to sing together at the all star gambol of the Lambs at the Metropolitan Opera House next Monday gathered bashfully on the stage of the Gaiety to con a crowded house into buying tickets at regular scalpers' rates. The worst thing about the whole affair was that when you said I bid \$200 for that box, and my name is Lee Arthur." you realized (as explained by Gus Thomas early in the game) that the box you were bidding on cost \$50 originally and that anything you bideven a lone tifty-cent piece-was a premium bid. In other words, anything you bid you had to pay plus the original cost of the seats. If a seat sold at \$5 and you rose proudly and said "\$200, and my name is Joe Murphy," you realized as you sat down that your bid of \$200 meant \$200 plus the original cost of the seat. In other words, every time you opened your mouth you talked extra. Dusty Farnum-with a sunburned skinned nose opened the theatre yesterday afternoon by getting into town after an automobile trip from Chicago. Bill, his kid brother, arrived soon after. Then Lee Arthur came with intentions to buy many seats-and loaded with four two dollar bills. As the gray day waned others gathered in the Gayety until the suits and peach basket hats from Jawn L. Golden and partner, Henry Blossom, Jr., Golden and partner, Henry Blossom, Jr., down near where the snare drummer sits at left one to the place where Jack Hazzard. Benjamin Hapgood Burt and Harry Wilkiams clustered about the well known actor Frank Maginn diagonally opposite post far back on the right.

Gus Thomas, a smooth faced young man who writes plays, opened the proceedings by walking out in front of a blackboard covered with figures and said that he was authorized to bid \$1,100 for the choice of the first box "in the name of a number of Lambs." Nobody gainsaid Gus.

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Then Gus, waving a silver mounted cane, started to stir up enthusiasm on the next choice of a box. Somebody said \$300 and Gus (who is a hearty chap) laughed fretfully. Gus let 'em fool along until the mob got it up to \$500 and Gus said without a quiver. "\$50—and sold to Mister Augustus Thomas."

There were thirty-four parterre boxes to sell after this. The auctioneers were will JAM Collier, Dick Golden, Bob Hilliard, De Wolf Hopper, Bill Hodge, Will Lackave—who would forget items like \$100 bids because of the way he has spent stage money so lavishly in "The Battle"—Raymond Hitchcock, Charley Ross, Young Bill Courtleigh of "A Fool There was," and a whole lot of others. When you bid and called out your name you were saked where you wanted your seats. But when one bid came for many, many ceats (after all the boxes had been sold and James where he wanted the seats. The entire house rose to reply "Mr. Brady wants 'em in the front row!" Diamond James where he wanted the seats. The entire house rose to reply "Mr. Brady wants 'em in the front row!" Diamond James bowed—bashfully and blushing—his acquiescence.

Max Hirsch, treasurer of the Metropolitan Opera House, kept tally of the thousands rolling in. When all was ended for the afternoon Max announced that the total realized from the sale of parterre boxes, and a few of the orchestraseast had brought in a little less than \$20,000 in a little less than eighty-five riputes. To day at the Stuyvesant Thesa-

parterre boxes, and a few of the orchestra seats had brought in a little less than \$20,000 in a little less than eighty-five minutes. To-day at the Stuyvesant Theatre at 4 P. M. all the grand tier boxes and the stall boxes and another half of the orchestra seats will be auctioned off by soul thrilling leading men and things like that. And it is worthy of note that after half hours and so on-of auctioneering vesterday by the Bob Hilliards and Frank Maginns and Dusty Farnums and Bill Hodge; and so on the first man to get a real rise out of the women in the audience was a professional auctioneer named Day, who succeeded the matinée idels.

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When the matinée idols, with carnations and things in their coat lapels, had grown tired the Lambs sent out their professional, Mr. Day. Down in the front row were Helen Lord-Hubbel, Mrs. Edward Harrigan. Maude Fulton, Edith Decker of "Havana" and Louise Dresser. Somebody in that crowd cried sopranically "Twenty-four, ninety-eight!" but Mrs. Harrigan went the limit and made it \$25 premium on a seat, and Mrs. Harrigan was the first woman to win. Miss Fulton took two afterward at a premium of \$20 and Mrs. Hubbel blew herself for the same. And Henry Blossom bought, and so did Victor Herbert and Joe Brooks and Ben Burt and Harry Williams and the Farnum kiddies When the matinee idols, with carnations and things in their coat lapsis, had grown tired the Lambs sent out their professional, Mr. Day. Down in the front row were Helen Lord-Hubbel, Mrs. Edward Harrigan, Maude Fulton, Edith Decker of Havana' and Louise Dresser. Somebody in that crowd cried sopranically "Twent; refer to the late Dr. Thomas Barton Brune, were of "Havana' and Louise Dresser. Somebody in that crowd cried sopranically "Twent; refer to the late Dr. Thomas Barton Brune, were of the late Dr. Thomas Barton Brune, were of the late Dr. Fowell of Grace bride by the Rev. Dr. Fowell of Grace of the limit and made it 25 premium on a seat, and Mrs. Harrigan was the first woman to win. Miss Fulton took two fifetward at a premium of \$20 and Mrs. Harrigan was the first woman to win. Miss Fulton took two fifetward at a premium of \$20 and Mrs. Harrigan was the first woman to win. Miss Fulton took two fifetward at a premium of \$20 and Mrs. Harrigan was the first woman to win. Miss Fulton took two fifetward at a premium of \$20 and Mrs. Harrigan was the first woman to win. Miss Fulton took two fifetward at a premium of \$20 and Mrs. Harrigan was the first woman to win. Miss Fulton took two fifetward at a premium of \$20 and Mrs. Harrigan was the first woman to win. Miss Fulton took two fifetward at a premium of \$20 and Mrs. Harrigan was the first woman to win. Miss Fulton took two fifetward at a premium of \$20 and Mrs. Harrigan was the first woman to win. Miss Fulton took two fifetward at a premium of \$20 and Mrs. Harrigan was the first woman to win. Miss Fulton took two fifetward at a premium of \$20 and Mrs. Harrigan was the first woman to win. Miss Fulton took two fifetward at a premium of \$20 and Mrs. Harrigan was the first woman to win. Miss Fulton took two fifetward at a premium of \$20 and Mrs. Harrigan was the first woman to win. Miss May 10 and 10

will step into his place. There will be no ceremony. Since his return from his rip to the South and West President ot has devoted his time to cleaning up details, which may take a few hours now and then until the end/of the month.

President Eliot has thus far maintained silence regarding his attitude about the Entish Ambassadorship.

Long Texas Drought Broken. Dallas, Tex., May 18.-North Texas and southern Oklahoma had good rains to-day. Crop conditions were bettered. The rainfall extended from Oklahoma City to Taylor and rain was also reported on the Gulf coast at Galveston and Hous-ton. The prospects to-night favor more fainfall and an end of the long drought.

The Seagoers.

Passengers to-day by the Cunard liner na, for Liverpool: Thomas P. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Whitridge, Foxhall Keene, R. C. Collier, bir Frederick Fison, Gen. J. B. Primrose, Williams, Gunzo Kumbe and W. J.

ing those sailing with the White steamship Teutonic:
and Mrs. L. L. Benedict, Jr., Dr. W. D.,
delegate to the Congress of Applied
lasts, Mme. de Palkowska and Comler Edward Simpson, U.S. N. FROHMAN THEATRE PLANS.

Outlines in a Letter His Project for London Repertoire Hou

A statement concerning the Repertoire Theatre that Charles Frohman purposes to establish first in London and later in New York is contained in a letter from Premium on the Regular Price—Vari. Mr. Frohman, who is in London, received

Mr. Frohman declared that he will launch his Répertoire Theatre at the Duke of York's, in London, in February. In his letter Mr. Frohman says:

The Repertoire Theatre will be organized and made possible from the result of twelve rears work at the Duke of York's Theatre by the actors, the playwrights and the manager who have been connected with this theatre. The plan is really made possible and logical because it has crystallized out of the sweat of the brows of the people who have been connected with the Duke of York's Theatre.

York's Theatre.

Mr. Frohman says that Haddon Chambers has been added to the number of English dramatists who have thrown in their lot with him in the establishment of the Répertoire Theatre. Mr. Chambers has promised to write an original play to be seen in due course at the Duke of York's. Mr. Frohman has also secured from the same author the right of reviving at the Répertoire Theatre Mr. Chambers's well known comedy "The Tyranny of Tears."

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The natural query as to where all the plays will come from for the Répertoire Theatre is at least partly answered by Mr. Frohman in the statement that he has just concluded arrangements with the managers of no fewer than 200 theatres in Germany and in Austria for English option on anything they produce.

According to Mr. Frohman's own statement, the system will be worked on the following lines:

Suppose that a piece has been produced

MRS. PEPPER-VANDERBILT'S IN-

Suppose that a piece has been produced n London with success. A German version will at once be made and after completion submitted to the original author, who thus will be enabled to see that all his ideas have been perfectly interpreted. This done, the play will be forwarded to the headquarters in Berlin and Vienna, which will act as dis-tributing centres. The author, in place of having to collect his royalties from various sources, will receive them direct from me, and in this way will be relieved from the trouble and anxiety in this matter. This network of theatres may possibly be used also for the reappearance of English compantheatre was solidly filled with white striped ies playing in English pieces. As a further suits and peach basket hats from Jawn L. outlet I hope to arrange with MM. de Flers and Callavet and M. Decourcelle, the most successful of Parisian authors, to adapt for the French stage a specified number of plays each year.

> JOE HOWARD BANKRUPT. The Song Writer and Actor Says He Owes

\$12,760. Joseph E. Howard, an actor residing at

be distributed at the 100th performance of "Sham" at Wallack's Theatre on Saturday night are on exhibition in the lobby. William Hammerstein has secured two distinct novelties for the opening of Hammerstein's Roof Garden on May 31. The first is "A Night in a Monkey Music Hall" and is a vaudeville performance given entirely by monkeys. The second feature is an exhibition in living marble by the Seldoms.

Wills-Brune.

Westerday's record of about \$250 a minute is about once again as big as any sale of seats ever pulled off in this fair city. Gus, when all is said and done, couldn't have been happier—when the tally was totalled—if he had been elected Mayor of the entire town of New Rochelle.

ELIOT OUT OF HARVARD.

Br. Lewell Takes the Office of President Without Ceremony To-day.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 18.—President Eliot of Harvard to-day brought to a close his forty years of service as president of that institution, and to-morrow morning President A. Lawrence Lowell will step into his place. There will be no Nestrand—Connelly.

GERN RIBGS, The Miss Marjery is not a falsity. It the defendant did on the defendant of the defendant of the defendant of the law upon whitney Allen, pastor of the South Park Presbyterian Church and an uncle of the bridegroom.

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Nostrand-Connelly. MONTCLAIR, N. J., May 18.—Miss Elizabeth Connolly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. beth Connolly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
P. Henry Connolly, was married this afternoon to William H. R. Nostrand, also of this town, the ceremony being performed in the Immaculate Conception Church by the Rev. William S. Brothers, the rector. Following the wedding, which was witnessed by a small party of friends, there was a reception at the home of the bride's parents, 101 Elm Monument shall grow dim in the distant street.

street.

The maid of honor was Miss Anna R. Connolly, a sister of the bride. The best man
was Harry S. Connolly, a brother of the bride.
After an extended wedding trip Mr. and
Mrs. Nostrand will reside in Glen Ridge.

Dabney-Newlands.

Smithson-Tracy.

SEATTLE, May 18. - Forest Smithson, once champion hurdler of the world, and Miss Katherine Tracy of New York were married in this city yesterday. It was the culmination of a romance begun two years ago when Smithson was a student at Yale. Smithson and his bride left for Portland last night.

By the author of "Three Weeks"



"Harry," Elizabeth's husband, taking offence at a flirtation she indulges in. goes off to Africa to shoot lions, while Elizabeth, now Marchioness of Valmond, visits America. The pretty Marchioness has a little fun here too, but in the end "Harry" comes over after her and they make it up. Mrs. Glyn kept her eyes open in the United States, and her new book is already making people talk.

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MRS. PEPPER-VANDERBILT'S IN-DICTMENT DISMISSED.

The indictment for grand larceny pend-

ing against "Bishop" Mary Ann Scan-Eyes in connection with the transfer of raison d'être; it comes, or should come, the premises at 585 St. Mark's avenue automatically to an end. This is the first to her by Edward Ward Vanderbilt, the article in the woman's charter, and withaged lumber dealer, shortly before their out it marriage itself has neither value marriage, was dismissed by Judge Lewis nor sanctity." L. Fawcett in the County Court yesterday. In his decision Judge Fawcett declares

defendant. The spiritualistic followers of the Vanderbilts are elated over the decision. A serial supplement is to be added to

A careful examination fails to disclose hat there was before the Grand Jury any legal evidence whatever of crime on the part of the defendant, unless it be assumed as a matter of law that the doctrine and theories of spiritualism are false, that the defendant perpetrated a fraud on Edward Ward Vanderbilt in representing herself to be a spiritualistic medium, and thereby obtained the fleed to said property. Even then, under that phase of the record, wrongdoing on the part of the defendant barely. if at all, attaches to the said transaction only by veiled innuendoes interpreted to be

been judicially declared insane. ngs were set aside on an appeal to the Ap-The souvenir silk parasols that are to pellate Division of the Supreme Court and be distributed at the 100th performance a new trial ordered; that on the new trial a verdict was rendered and boncurred in by all the commissioners adjudging him to be sane and capable of managing his affairs and himself, which verdict is still in full force and effect. Therefore, in view he weakness of the grounds upon which this indictment was found, and the circumstances interwoven with the testimony pointing unerringly toward the persecution f Edward Ward Vanderbilt, and involving this defendant by said Minerva Vanderbilt, aided by her counsel, it is the right and the BALTIMORE, May 18 .- Albert Potter Wills, duty of this court, in the interest and fur-

> is not a falsity. It is not material whether the defendant did or did not receive spiritual ommunications. Those questions are beside the issue, for it appears that Edward Ward Vanderbilt, while sane, did convey the property in question for a valuable consideration, to wit, love and affection, to the defendant, whom he was about- to The facts herein do not constitute sufficient legal evidence to establish a prima facie case against the defendant in the eyes of the law upon which she should be put to her defence. The indictment ought never to have been found against her. It is unnecessary therefore to consider the other grounds upon which the defendant

Judge Fawcett recently received this letter on the letterhead of the Astor House: May it please your Honor, the issue presented to you in the case of the People of receding centuries; when the names of Eugene, Mariborough, Napoleon, Yorktown and Gettysburg are no longer remembered; when the pyramids of the Pharachs shall have crumbled into dust: WASHINGTON, May 18.—Miss Ada Newlands, niece of Senator Newlands of Nevada,
was married at noon to-day to Dr. Virginius Dabney. The ceremony was performed in All Saints Chapel, Chevy Chase,
by the Rev. T. S. Childs before a small company of relatives and very close friends.
A breakfast in the country home of Senator
Newlands followed.

when the hippopotamus shall cease to
inhabit the Nile—even then your ruling
upon the demurrer in the celebrated case
of the People vs. May S. Pepper Vanderbit
—the Material versus the Spiritual—will
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BOOKS AND AUTHORS.

"Marriage à la Mode," by Mrs. Humphry Ward, which will be published this week, is almost twice as long in book form as it is as a serial in McClure's Magazine. The novel deals with the American Judge Fawcett Says Accusation of Lar- problem of marriage from a strongly ceny of a House Should Not Have Been prejudiced English point of view. "No Brought and That It Smacks of Perse- woman," she says through her heroine, cution-Spiritualism Not Considered. "in the better future that is coming shall be forced either by law or opinion to continue the relations of marrige with a man she has come to despise. Marriage nel Pepper-Vanderbilt, the spiritualistic is merely proclaimed love and if love medium so closely associated with "Bright fails marriage has no further meaning or

Maurice Francis Egan, at present Minthat the indictment should never have ister to the Court of Denmark, has conbeen found, that the whole proceedings tributed several articles to Tilskveren. have the earmarks of persecution and The latest, on "The Education of the Amerthat Miss Minerva Vanderbilt, who was ican Voter," is declared by Dannebrog, the the prime mover in the proceedings to leading Danish journal, to be the clear-505 West 111th street, has filed a petition in bankruptcy with liabilities of \$12,760 and the prosecution of her stepmother, had nominal assets of \$1,700, royalties due been very vindictive against her father dinavia. Mr. Egan has also, according from Frank Sardian of Clinton, Ia. The and evinced bitter feelings and cast to the Spectator, made the American Lewrathful aspersions against him and the gation a meeting place for Danish authors and savants.

although Judge Fawcett says it is "immaterial whether the doctrine of spiritualism is or is not a falsity or whether the defendant did or did not receive spiritual communications." It is expected that a reception will soon be held to congratulate her over her vindication.

This is the decision of Judge Fawcett:

A serial supplement is to be added to Short Stories which will be made up of sixteen pages. Monthly prizes of money will be awarded for the cleverest, most original description or analysis of the next instalment of the serial. A few months ago this magazine began the use of large clear type.

A revision by Marianna Wheeler of her book "The Baby, His Care and Training" is announced. Revision of such a work is important because of the rapid advances continually being made by medical science, the last few years having shown special development in the care of infants. The author was for nearly twenty years head worker and general director of the Babies Hospital in New York.

Gertrude Atherton, prominent among women for her interest in and knowledge always expecting the best in all things in all occurrenes and in all people, thus a difficult question in her latest article drawing to us the best in all neople and ward Vanderbilt would have been called to testify before the Grand Jury if he had in the current North American Review namely, how Russia nearly acquired our appears, however, that the verdict and find- Pacific coast, with an interesting bearing on Japanese relations and a consideration of Nicolai Rezanov. Of the latter she asserts that had he lived ten years longer what is new the western section of the United States, with British Columbia as well, would be Russian territory.

Rex Beach's "The Barrier." which has not ceased to be a best seller since its publication last autumn, is to be made into a play. The playwright who will dramatize it. Eugene Presbrey, is the one who dramatized Sir Gilbert Parker's "The Right of Way," and the actors taking the leading parts, Guy Standing and Theodore Roberts, played the principal rôles also in that production.

Englishman's Home," is not the only milisick or well—who are continually shootitary playwright. "The Flag Lieutenant" ing at us " was partly written by Major Drury; "The Pride of the Regiment" was written by a private soldier. Mr. Basil Hood began writing plays while he was still soldiering. Sir William Gilbert was at one time in the Third Gordon Highlanders and the father. She evinced bitter feelings and author of "Charley's Aunt" was for many cast wrathful aspersions against him and years an active member of the Artists

Sir Harry's recent journeys in the United any one of the three having knowledge States, West Indies and tropical America of what the other two had written. It is and will present the writer's idea of the present position and future of the negro likely to miss the mark. in the New World. The book will be illustrated from the mass of drawings and photographs brought back by the author

"The Two Largest Diamonds in the World," the romantic story of their finding, cutting and disposition, has been written for the June Century by Dr. Frederick Kunz, one of the authors of "The Book of the Pearl." These famous stones, both found within the last twenty years, are known as the Excelsior and the Cullinan.

Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell's record of his "Experiences on the Labrador" will pendous question. Its decision by you be published in the June Century. "The will live in judicial history long after you object of the Labrador Mission," of which he writes "is to help men to live, and not to die; and so to live as not merely to cumber this earth for a few more years but to live as worthier sons of that great Father whose face we all expect one day Lincoln, Grant and Roosevelt shall be to see." This is Dr. Grenfell's charactergotten; when Waterloo and Borodino, terization of the ideal of his life's work.

F. G. Lowry writes in the current Harper's Weekly of the difference betwen the horseback rides taken by the President and his predecessor as "the difference between the grand entry of the Rough Riders of all nations in a Buffalo Bill show and the stately ceremonial procession of a rajah in a howdah on the legal fore as fresh, green and imperion-able. I am one of the many millions await-long your decision with abated breath. phant. * * There is nothing spectacular about Mr. Taft on horseback, but the spectacle may well be impressive."

Ralph Waldo Trine, author of "In Tune Advertisements for THE SUN and THE with the Infinite," said recently in a EVENING SUN may be left at any Ameri- speech at the booksellers' dinner, "If I can District Messenger office in the city, were asked my opinion as to which is

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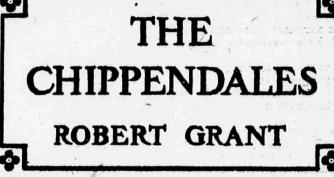
tudes that we can have regarding this life-this common life-I should say it should be the habit of looking for and in all things. To me there is nothing truer in all the world but that thoughts are things. What one lives in the thought world he will find sooner or later projected into his world.

Elizabeth Stuart Phelps in a paper on "How to Endure Invalidism" in the June Harper's Bazar says among other things: "We may have to force ourselves to learn that invalidism is a dual affliction and that the patient does not bear the whole of it. There is little enough that we can do for people who have the dreary task of taking care of us. . . An irritable word is a poisoned arrow, flying heaven knows where and hitting God knows whom. We have yet to learn that it does any less hurt because the trembling hand of an invalid bent the bow. It Major du Maurier, the writer of "An is not in human nature to love people-

The superstition of "thirteen at table" is the motive of "The Coin of Her Life," which will appear in the June Century and will be one of three stories to appear unsigned in that magazine. Some time ago when discussing the influence of a point of view on human judgments it was suggested that two or more writers "The Negro in the New World" is the title of a book written by an Englishman, Sir Harry Johnston, to be published in England. The book will be the story on a chosen subject. Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, Margaret Deland and Owen Wister took up the above subject and the stories where the st The book will be the result of and the stories were finished without



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